

THE NAVAJO NATION



JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Division Directors/Executive Directors

FROM:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paulson Chaco", written over a horizontal line.

Paulson Chaco, Chief of Staff
Office of the President and Vice President

DATE: May 02, 2022

SUBJECT: Off- Reservation Travel Restriction
(4th Issuance of Memorandum)

This memorandum, first issued in April 2021, outlined the limits of off-reservation travel for Navajo Nation employees and gave instructions on such travel, including travel between offices. Executive Order No. 004-2021 emphasizes that "the Navajo Nation travel restrictions remain in place due to COVID-19 spread in and around the Navajo Nation, and all Navajo Nation employees are restricted from off-reservation travel."

The Health Command Operations Center's most recent Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-005, states that "According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, delay travel until you are up to date with your vaccines." As coronavirus vaccines are widely available on the Navajo Nation and 66.7% of the Navajo Nation population completed a primary series (fully vaccinated), *all preventative precautions should continue to be adhered to after receiving the vaccine.*" The Navajo Nation continues in declared emergency status with Executive Orders giving guidance to government operations.

Navajo Nation employees shall continue to limit off-reservation travel as announced in Executive Order No. 004-2021. All on-reservation travel is at the discretion of the Division Directors.

Any off-reservation travel request, I will review and approve limited off-reservation travel based on the following documented justification criteria:

- Alternate no-contact mechanism has been exhausted (video conferencing, teleconferencing, etc.)
- Extraordinary critical attention necessary to maintain operable government services
- Job duties and responsibilities will be critically impacted

Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated. If you should have questions, Brenda Yazzie directly at (928) 871-7244 or email at brendayazzie@navajo-nsn.gov . Thank you.

cc: President Jonathan Nez
Vice President Myron Lizer
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